

CLAIMS

1. [Cancelled]
2. [Cancelled]
3. [Withdrawn] The clip of claim 1, wherein the clip's legs are angled with respect to an imaginary plane including the head.
4. [Cancelled]
5. [Withdrawn] The clip of claim 1, wherein the feet are angled with respect to an imaginary plane including the head.
6. [Cancelled]
7. [Cancelled]
8. [[Cancelled]]
9. [Withdrawn] The clip of claim 1, wherein at least part of each leg is twisted about a corresponding part of the other leg.
10. [Previously presented] The clip of claim 21, wherein the head is formed in a shape selected from the group consisting of rings, ellipsoids, and multi-sided shapes.
11. [Cancelled]
12. [Cancelled]
13. [Currently Amended] The clip of claim [11] 21, wherein the clip is composed of a spring-tempered stainless steel material.

14. [Cancelled]
15. [Cancelled]
16. [Withdrawn] The clip of claim 15, wherein at least one of the feet terminates in a feature pointing back in the general direction of the head.
17. [Withdrawn] The clip of claim 16, wherein the feature is a tyned or beveled end.
18. [Withdrawn] The clip of claim 1, wherein the feet diverge in a curve-like geometry.
19. [Withdrawn] The clip of claim 18, wherein at least one of the feet terminates in a feature pointing back in the general direction of the head.
20. [Withdrawn] The clip of claim 19, wherein the feature is a tyned or beveled end.
21. [Currently Amended] A clip for securing objects to a top surface of a deck having spaced apart, and parallel to each other, elongated deck members with top and bottom surfaces and being of substantially uniform thickness, with sides of adjacent ones of the members substantially parallel to each other and spaced by small gaps in relation to member thickness, comprising:
- an elongated wire of high strength, corrosion resistant material, of about 1/8 inch diameter uniformly along its length and forming essentially the entirety of the clip and
- the wire being shaped to provide an aperture forming closed head and straight leg portions extending therefrom, [closely spaced] adjacent to and essentially parallel to each other, and terminating at distal ends in feet orthogonal to the legs forming outward extending portions, all in a common plane, and
- the legs being of a length such that the wire clip can be inserted into one of said gaps down between spaced adjacent deck members with its said plane substantially parallel to the sides of those members past the full thickness thereof and then partially

rotated and pulled upwards so the feet bear up against bottoms of those deck members and the aperture head also clears the members, the clip being then constructed to be non-insertable between members and non-functional as a holding device unless inserted in such plane arrangement and partially rotated after such insertion, [and]

the aperture head and total span of the feet both being larger than the gap between [said] adjacent deck members and impassable through the gap unless the clip is oriented with its said plane substantially parallel to [the sides] side surfaces of the deck members on both sides of the gap and incapable of being pulled through the gap unless so oriented, and the clip being constructed to have essentially the same form in all its said positions.

22. [Previously presented] Multiple clips, each made as recited in claim 21, in combination with a deck having spaced similar members with sides parallel to each other and adjacent members separated by small gaps in relation to member thickness,
the clips having their aperture head portions on top of the adjacent members and orthogonal thereto and feet below the members and orthogonal to the members to grip the members' undersides when a pulling up load is applied to the heads.
23. [Previously presented] The combination of claim 22 wherein the members are at least one inch thick and the clips' legs are at least as long as the thickness of the members.
24. [Currently amended] The clip of claim [1] 23 wherein the legs are at least one inch long.
25. [Cancelled]
26. [Cancelled]
27. [Cancelled]
28. [Cancelled]